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Ninth Annual Bible Conference Convenes

Bringing great blessing to all who took advantage of the opportunity of attending its services, the ninth annual Bible Conference has come and passed into history. And what a blessed history it is!

Hearing the Word of God from the lips of such consecrated men—such spiritual giants—as Rev. Roscoe C. Smith, pastor of the Open Door Fellowship of Knoxville, Tennessee; Rev. J. B. Thornton, pastor of Hope Church at St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. E. J. Daniels, editor of *The Biblical Echo*; Dr. E. M. Wadsworth, Rev. Henry Clay Geiger, and others of equal prominence has indeed been a privilege of great value to new and old students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Beginning on Sunday, October 8, with two powerful messages from our own Professor of Bible, Dr. Harris H. Gregg, the conference sessions continued, throughout the entire series, to be occasions of both instruction in the Word of God and blessing from His Spirit.

One of the unexpected interesting occurrences was the choice, arrived at independently by both Dr. Gregg and Rev. Smith, of the twenty-seventh verse of the twenty-seventh chapter of Matthew as the texts for two consecutive services. Interesting, indeed, was the fact that both gave messages of blessing from the passage without conflicting or reiterating.

Throughout the services, special musical numbers were enjoyed by large congregations. Students who assisted in this manner were the Alem sisters (Sara and Gertrude), Mitchell West, Alvin Hall, Howard Kee, the Hoyt brothers (Lowell and Solon), and others.

Evening services were held in local churches, morning and afternoon sessions being on Bryan Hill.

RECEPTION IS GIVEN FOR NEW STUDENTS

Fall term social activities, under the direction of Mrs. Llewellyn, began Saturday evening, September 29, with an all-school reception, held especially for the new students and recent additions to the faculty.

After formal introductions of the freshmen to the staff, performed by members of the senior class, souvenir books were given to everyone and an autograph collection was begun, as each person tried to get as many faculty and student names as possible in his book.

After the serving of refreshments—ice cream and cookies—a guest from each state represented at Bryan was called upon for an impromptu speech or song. Among the subjects presented were "Mr. Roosevelt's Attitude Toward War," "The Buckeye State," "How to Write a Love Letter," "Fifty Ways to Get Your Man," "How Not to Milk a Cow." A high spot on the program was Mr. Fish's solo, "Out of the Dusk to You."

After the singing of "Love's Old Sweet Song" by an impromptu staff quartet, composed of Mrs. Fish, Miss Yancey, Mr. Lynip and Mr. Llewellyn, the entire group joined in the singing of several Gospel choruses, climaxing a very enjoyable evening and leaving new students better acquainted with everyone . . . the social ice broken.

MOUNTAIN MISSION WORK BEGUN FOR YEAR

Wasting no time, but starting in immediately where the work was ended at commencement last year, the Christian Service Association has already opened services in sixteen or more outposts, holding them in homes, schools, and churches. Other new places will be entered as the Lord supplies means of transportation, both finances and cars, by which

Councils Elected

In continuance of the council system of government adopted by both men's and women's dormitories last year, both groups recently met to elect representatives from the three upper classes to sit in the seats of the judges and maintain order and quiet in the Octagon and Administration Building Dormitories.

Miss Dorothy White, of Gunnison, Colorado, is senior representative and president of the council. Vice-president and representative of the junior class is Miss Christine Gordon, of Richmond, Va. Miss Gordon served with the governing body last year as secretary. This year's secretary is Miss Grace Levengood, of Dayton, Tennessee, elected by the sophomores.

Inasmuch as the number of young ladies in the Octagon is this year almost twice that of last year, the council must play an even more important part and looks prayerfully forward to a successful administration through Him who is, indeed, the head of the household of faith.

Unusual as it may be, but nevertheless true, the counterpart of Miss White is found on the men's council in Mr. Ben White, her brother, representing the senior class for the present session. Dan Hirschy, of Evans City, Pennsylvania, was chosen by the juniors, and Warren Oliff, whose homelife in the nation's capital should well equip him for such a position of leadership, was elected by his classmates, the sophomores. Councilman-at-large is Clarence Blackburn, of Newport, Kentucky.

Stated a member of the men's council: "With the Lord's help we hope to realize what is stated in Psalm 133:1, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

Freshman representative to both councils will be elected at the conclusion of the first half-quarter.

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— God Above All —

GREATLY INCREASED

BRYAN ENROLLMENT

(Gratifying to the friends and supporters of Bryan University will be the information that the University is enjoying an increase of more than 20% in the number of students over that in attendance last session.) Students are now attending the University from fifteen states and the District of Columbia, and one is expected to arrive from Canada, if and when he is permitted to cross the border. The names of the young men or women attending the University from your state will be found in the list given below:

Alabama: Mildred Swatzell.

Colorado: Dorothy White, Ben White.

District of Columbia: Warren Oliff.

Florida: Marion Barth, Fay Coburn, Alvin Hall, Margaret Lowe, Homer Wright, Eltha Wright.

Georgia: Glenna Giles.

Kentucky: Clarence Blackburn, Manford Cain.

Kansas: Glenn Klammer.

Louisiana: John H. Smith, III.

New Jersey: Eileen Garwood, Howard Kee.

New York: Herbert Shay.

Ohio: Ruth Clement, Virginia Crisman, Laura-Belle Eastep, Mary Beth Everson, Eileen Hartschuh, Lester Hartschuh, Margaret Ann McKinnon, Louise Post, Leona Wilson, Lawrence Levensgood.

Pennsylvania: Neil Benfer, Dorothy Bennett, Donald Dickie, Eleanor Estep, Ermine Estep, Dean Geary, Lola Goehring, John Harper, Daniel Hirschy, Kathryn Hirschy, Joyce Hirschy, Elwood Hollopeter,

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Young People Need The Right Kind of Education

(This is the last of a series of articles by President Judson A. Ruda)

We were deeply stirred by reading the prophecy of one writer regarding the growth of false and deceptive imitative faiths with which young people are confronted today. He says: "These movements will become an unseen influence in the air around us; an atmosphere of godliness, peopled with evil spirits, and heavy with the depression of hell. These evil spirits will do their utmost to injure, mislead, confuse, and depress the children of the Lord. Our **bodies** will be affected; it will press in on our minds and becloud our souls. All kinds of strange feelings and new and peculiar trials will come to us. A surprising lack of desire and energy Godward, a spiritual deadness, a mental heaviness, lethargy of soul, **an alarming desire** for forbidden things and a peculiar delight and fascination in any of the world's pleasures we dare taste. It will be **difficult** to preach the WORD in liberty and power; it will be **difficult** to give attention to the Word when it is preached; it will be **very difficult** to get down to real earnest and continued prayer. Such is the atmosphere we must battle against as the days darken around us. Oh! let us be strong in the Lord! Satan will no doubt bring a **mysterious power** to bear on our minds and wills, which will make it exceedingly difficult to walk close with God, and very easy to live in the flesh. We will be amazed at the power he can use against us. It will become **very hard** to serve God faithfully, and to pray earnestly. It will seem as if everything without us, and almost everything within us, **has conspired to keep us from following the Lord all the way**, and to induce us to compromise; we will be surrounded by a **worldly atmosphere** that will draw us away from God, that will render prayer half-hearted, that will **deadens our spiritual senses** to the reality of Heavenly things, and the glorious presence of the Lord. It will become **so easy to slip out of communion with God**, and harder than ever to keep the communication open between our souls and Heaven."

Apart from God's Word, and without being fully aware of what is going on in the world, this may seem exaggerated. Nevertheless, we are convinced that this is just one of the ways

in which the Devil is working and will work to render individual Christians powerless as well as whole nations that profess to be Christian.

An editorial entitled "A War of Nerves" in the Evangelical Christian presents another side of the situation, facing old as well as young, and offers the only solution.

We quote: "There is a word that came into prominence during the Great War. It is called *morale*. To keep up the morale of her people was the strenuous endeavour of every nation. To break it down was the task of the enemy. The disquieting thing about this is that the war on a people's morale can go on in times of peace, and that is what we are seeing and experiencing today. For the past year or so the world has been suffering from what is called *nerves*, being kept in a state of high nervous tension through the spread of propaganda organized and broadcast with that definite end in view. The President of the Board of Trade in Great Britain said recently when speaking along this line: 'Today we are really living through a war of nerves. Part of it is quite deliberate, and is intended to keep the world in a state of nervous tension, in the belief that it will sap the people of determination and destroy their courage, so that others will be able to profit from their spinelessness. It is up to the people of this country to show other countries that this war of nerves is going to have no effect on us!'

"There is something diabolical in this business of deliberately making war on the nerves of a people. In the past years the nervous tension under which many people have been laboring has produced suicide in some cases and reduced multitudes to despair. The pity of it is that so many of our national leaders do not recognize that the most effective offset to this propaganda is faith in God and in His Holy Word. This just means that the question fundamentally is a spiritual one. A people whose faith is fixed in God, who know the friendship of the Lord Jesus Christ, who take time to meditate on God's Word and dwell upon His promises, are not

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Bryan University



On the Campus

By Gee-gee

Dr. McMurry's first proteges of the fall term were the Misses Jean Neff, Connie Penick and Dorothy Vogel, who found the mountain breezes on Bryan Hill a bit rough on the throat. With especial pleasure Miss Neff's return to the classroom was noted, since she had been confined to her room for ten days or more.

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For the convenience of Bryanites, a bookshop under the management of Mr. Llewellyn and carrying paper, pencils, folders, notebooks and textbooks, has been opened in the printing room.

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Underclassmen found some prospect of mounting importance when Mr. Lynip recently mentioned plans for an annual magazine which would revolve mostly about freshman literary pursuits.

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All was not quiet on the western front on a recent Tuesday night when a flying squirrel invaded the apartment of Miss Kaltenbach and persisted in eluding its would-be captors. It finally accepted an urgent invitation to retire to the out-of-doors.

The first week of school brought several visitors to the campus, among them Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartschuh, who drove to Bryan with their son and daughter, Lester and Eileen, from Akron, Ohio. While here, the Hartschuh family and Ty Pray, a visiting graduate of '39, went sightseeing in Chattanooga.

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Visiting at Bryan University with her mother, the week-end of September 30, was Miss Dorothy Hill, who had visited briefly also at Bob Jones College at Cleveland, Tennessee. Dean Ryther, Leona Wilson, Mary Beth Everson, Celestial West, and Marion Barth went to Cleveland and brought Miss Hill to Bryan. She left for Camp Tappuah in Asheville, North Carolina, on Monday morning immediately after chapel.

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Concern of all the Bryan family is expressed over Lester Hartschuh's hand injury, received while operating the printing press.

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With some apprehension the Bryan student body heard in chapel recently the announcement of the junior class, stating that the latter would sell candy—and soap.

Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?

Echoes of Goldilocks and the three bears might well be whispering through the walls of the men's dormitory these days, for beds have been decidedly at a premium, upper decks being especially scarce, consequently greatly in demand. And why?

Beds ordered before school opened and with time to spare have not yet arrived on the scene of action, prom-

ises galore notwithstanding, the latest being—"Within fifteen days." In the meantime single beds become double beds and double beds become housing projects. Students can sleep! Students must sleep! Students will sleep . . . in the corners, on the floors, in the bureau drawers—even on promises. But notwithstanding . . . Fortunately, there has been an adequate supply of mattresses for all.

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likely to be influenced by the barrage of propaganda that goes forth from Berlin, Rome, or Tokyo."

If the older generation, that has seen the world enter the present order of things, is susceptible to this wave of fear and despondency, what of the younger generation? England has set up a Ministry of Information or Propaganda to counteract this war on nerves by enemy nations. The United States will be forced to take a similar step before long. The right of free speech will be so abused that it will be limited. Can our younger generation depend on government information or propaganda? An editorial in *The Latin American Evangelist* answers the question: "One of the most disturbing features of the world situation is what seems to be an utter lack of orientation on the part of statesmen. The leaders of what most of us judge to be the side of right do not seem to know where they are going. On the other side evil men wax worse and worse. They know what they want and are going after it with remorseless drive.

"But is there not also in the leadership of the professing Christian church an appalling lack of discernment, a running to and fro, a feverish seeking after some refuge from the storm which threatens to engulf it?

"There is no other refuge at all for the Lord's people today other than the one to which He calls us. We have heard the word all our lives but failed to understand. 'Abide in Me.' He calls us into a place where the storm cannot harm us, where deep peace is enjoyed, where strength of heart is the portion of His loved ones."

Paul, in writing to Timothy, described the condition of the world at large today as well as the failure of the educational system when he said, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." A personal knowledge of and fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ is the key to all knowledge. If "education" brings an individual to abide in Christ, it fits the individual for life here and hereafter. If it imparts all other knowledge, including a knowledge about Christ, without actually knowing Him, it leaves the individual lost in the midst of a lost and doomed world. Surely the right kind of education is not only desirable but essential to the Body of Christ.

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Jesse Humbert, Lillian Hummel, Robert Jones, Mildred Kuntz, Mervin Mellinger, Jean Neff, Constance Penick, Wilbert Rahiser, Charles Shirley, Dorothy Vogel, Hazel Waller, Celestial West, Paul Wells, Gertrude Allem, Sara Allem, Robert Thompson, James Doud, Charles Simpson.

Indiana: Lowell Hoyt, Solon Hoyt.

Tennessee: Mabel Arnold, Helen Harrison, Grace Levengood, Mark Levengood, Paul Levengood, Rebecca Peck, Julius Reeves, Wayne Smith, Quentin Thurman, Ruth Toliver, J. M. West, Elizabeth Weimer.

Virginia: Christine Gordon, Martha Ann Mailander.

West Virginia: Ruth Dawson, Ralph Gibson, Gordon Matheny, Richard Langford.

War conditions in Canada stopped Mr. Paul Theobald, of Strongfield, Saskatchewan, Canada, from crossing the border. Recent word from Mr. Theobald, however, informs the authorities at the University that he will be only temporarily delayed in joining the fellowship and that he expects to arrive in Dayton as soon as possible.

KEE HONORED BY SENIORS

Honor and fame placed their hands on the shoulder of Howard Kee recently when his classmates elected him to the office of president of the school's largest class of seniors, numbering sixteen in all. He will be ably assisted by Connie Penick as vice-president, Rebecca Peck as secretary, and Dorothy White as treasurer. Mr. Fish, as faculty sponsor for the class, will lend his experience and aid in the tasks common to senior classes.

To be elected at an early meeting of the class is the staff for the annual yearbook, the Commoner, which we have heard whispered abroad is to be the most comprehensive and complete yearbook yet published—an appropriate representative of an enlarged University.

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Treasure, Ho!

Treasure-hunt hiking on Saturday, October 7, marked the beginning of outdoor recreation at Bryan, as some sixty-five students, divided into several groups, went in search of "pirate" booty, finally coming together at a woodsy picnic spot near Morgantown.

The hikers left the campus about 3 in the afternoon, each group being given a note of instructions pointing from one "hot spot" to the next until at length, the treasure was found.

Hungry searchers found their energies restored by the hamburgers which awaited them at their meeting place. After supper came the singing of songs and choruses. At length, the group hiked home by the light of a waning moon.

NEW TABLES IN DINING HALL

No longer need all those eating in the Bryan dining hall crane their necks to catch the speaker's words from the distant end of lengthy tables. No longer must from eight to twelve compose the group around the "festive board." New tables, so far only six, have been completed and at each of these will be seated comfortably at easy conversational distance one from another six people. It is hoped the new tables will make more general conversation possible and that all present may have and enjoy the fellowship of each table-mate. Additional tables will be built and put into use as the Lord permits.

JUNIORS ELECT

Anticipating the banqueting of an unusually large group of seniors some time next spring, the members of the Junior class are already seen hawking candy about the halls of the administration building, urging students and faculty to "help keep our happy home clean"—with Junior soap, at 5 cents a cake.

Leading the class as president is Dan Hirschy—Christine Gordon and Dean Geary assisting him as vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Mr. Lynip was re-elected class sponsor.

MANY DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED

A study of the registration cards of the seventy-eight students thus far admitted to the University for the present quarter of work reveals the fact that these seventy-eight students represent no fewer than thirteen denominations, the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, and two other undenominational churches. These young people are attending the University, not because of denominational connections, but because they believe they will receive sound, orthodox Bible training and strong academic training. May the Lord provide means, wisdom, and strength necessary to carry out successfully the program which He has planned for their development for service to Him.

The denominations represented are Assemblies of God, Baptist, Brethren, Christian, Church of God, Evangelical, Friends, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed. Separating these denominations into the various divisions, such as Presbyterian and United Presbyterian, would increase the number to more than twenty.

Mountain Mission Work Begun

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to travel over the more than two hundred miles the groups will cover each week.

Street meetings are held on Saturday afternoon and night, a feature hour of the annual Bible Conference being a street meeting on Saturday, the 14th. Cottage prayer meetings will be sponsored, house to house visitations made each Friday night, and personal work carried on individually throughout the week, offering excellent opportunities for students and teachers to have actual experience in preaching, teaching, singing, and personal evangelism.

Graciously, the Lord has already supplied funds sufficient for the purchase of gasoline for one or two Sundays. Young people's societies and mission circles throughout the country are invited to share in this Gospel-giving work through which He is preached and souls are saved. Financial support is needed—the prayers of the saints desired.

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